

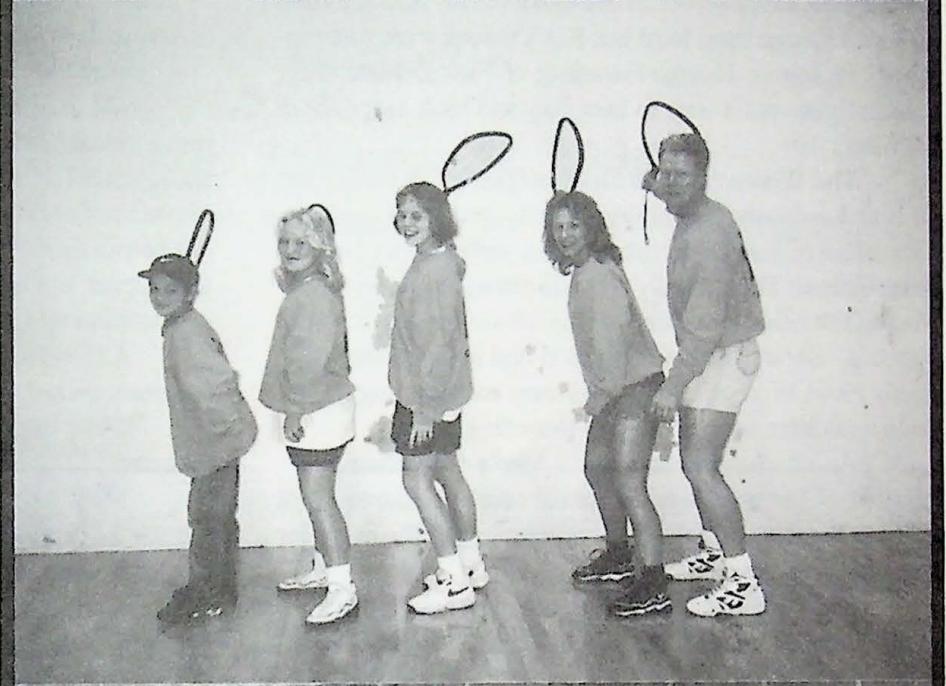


# DOWN THE LINE

## LOUISIANA RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

"DEDICATED TO  
PROMOTING THE GAME  
OF RACQUETBALL"

The Louisiana Racquetball Association  
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# 1996 STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS - "A Changing Of The Guard"!

This year's championships left the message "there's a whole new list of players taking over"!

Men's Open Division title was taken back by Mark Bloom. It was a hard-fought battle between David Rahn (defending state champion) and Mark Bloom (who won his first state championship two years ago). Mark appeared totally zoned as he hit shot after shot with awesome power and pin-point accuracy.

New to the winner's circle was Kip Atwell of Alexandria. Kip totally dominated Men's A with one of the toughest drive serves in the tournament. Chris Pellerin of Baton Rouge tried hard but Kip's serves were just too much. However, George Hearning of New Orleans was able to figure out a way to beat Kip and took 1st place in the Men's 19+.

The Women's Open Division had a full draw with all four Louisiana Open players participating. Once again, Kim Allen of Ruston swept the field without dropping a single game. Though only a small draw, the rest of the women's divisions produced some very close, exciting matches. Sarah Scallan of Ruston had to fight hard to finish 1st in Women's A. It was very encouraging to see three new faces in the women's draw this year.

Another upset came in the Men's 45+ where Joel Markert of Baton Rouge dethroned reigning champ, Warren Reuther, Jr. Warren had dominated the draw for the past three years.

Robert Davis out of Leesville certainly left his mark on the tournament by totally dominating both Men's B and Men's 35+B. Next stop for Mr. Davis is Men's A--Watch Out!!!

The Louisiana State Juniors Championships being combined with the adult championships this year really

helped put the sport of racquetball into perspective for a lot of players.

- It brought juniors the opportunity to watch the better players and pick up some good tips.
- It helped older players realize their responsibility to the younger players in our state.
- It brought a more wholesome, family-oriented feeling to the tournament.
- It provided the opportunity for "racquetball families" to spend the week-end together sharing something they all love to do. How many things in today's world can you name that parents and their children like to share together?

All of our Juniors took home, hopefully, more than just a medal. From someone who has been playing racquetball for many years, being able to watch our Junior players not only compete against one another on the court, but seeing them interact and having fun off the court, was a real treat and helps remind me of the original purpose of competition which many of us tend to lose sight of often.

**CONGRATULATIONS** are also in order for our honorary award winners:

Most Improved Female Player - Laura Shobert (Women's D Champion)

Most Improved Male Player - Shawn Phillips (Junior 14 & Under Champion)

Sportsmanship Award - David Rahn (One of the most dominant Open players in Louisiana; a true role model for our Juniors)

Team Club Award - Manhattan Athletic Club (New Orleans)

**MARcia RICHARDS**

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**HOLIDAY CLASSIC**  
**MANHATTAN ATHLETIC CLUB**  
**December 8, 1995 - December 10, 1995**

**Men's Open**

1st John Davis  
 2nd Mark Bloom  
 3rd David Rahn

**Men's A**

1st John Parker (MS)  
 2nd David Tuminelo (MS)  
 3rd Marcia Richards  
 Cons Roy Laudumiey

**Men's B**

1st Charles Lee  
 2nd J.D. Dedeabant  
 3rd Elliott Mistich

**Men's C**

1st Kevin Cook  
 2nd Doug Ledet  
 3rd Elliott Mistich  
 Cons Shawn Phillips

**KILLSHOT CLASSIC VIII**  
**WORLD GYM**  
**January 19, 1996 - January 21, 1996**

**Men's Open**

1st David Rahn  
 2nd Scott Davis  
 3rd Jim Bayhi

**Men's A**

1st John Parker (MS)  
 2nd Al Schof  
 3rd Roy Laudumiey  
 Cons Randy Lea

**Men's B**

1st Randy Lea  
 2nd Jai Bui  
 3rd Bill Boada  
 Cons Charles Lee

**Men's C**

1st Shawn Phillips  
 2nd Pattie Schof  
 3rd Elliott Mistich  
 Cons Joe Phillips

**Men's D**

1st Aldo Leon  
 2nd Anthony Zeringue  
 3rd Rusty Powell  
 Cons Bill Auten

**Men's Open Doubles**

1st Jim Bayhi/Charles Lee  
 2nd Bill Boada/John Parker  
 3rd Al Schof/Clyde Echete

**8TH ANNUAL ELMWOOD OPEN**  
**ELMWOOD FITNESS CENTER**  
**March 1, 1996 - March 3, 1996**

**Men's Open**

1st John Davis  
 2nd David Rahn  
 3rd Jim Bayhi  
 Cons Scott Davis

**Men's A**

1st Kip Atwell  
 2nd Ken Hood  
 3rd Tyrone Martin  
 Cons James Lilley

**Men's B**

1st Jim Leslie  
 2nd Charles Lee  
 3rd Will Vasquez  
 Cons J. D. Dedeabant

**Men's C**

1st Joe Austin  
 2nd Rayne Thomas  
 3rd George Anthon  
 Cons Ricky Willis

**Men's D**

1st Nick Gullo  
 2nd Anthony Zeringue  
 3rd Rusty Powell  
 Cons Tim Geisler

**Women's Open**

1st Kim Allen  
 2nd Jo Shattuck  
 3rd Marcia Richards  
 Cons. Debbie Spica

**Women's A**

1st Sarah Scallan  
 2nd Pattie Schof  
 3rd Nikki Lilley

**Women's B**

1st Gina Fulner  
 2nd Laura Shobert  
 2nd Kary Gillis  
 3rd Stephanie Braud

**Men's Open Doubles**

1st John Davis/David Rahn  
 2nd Rory Arcement/Mike Fibich  
 3rd Tyrone Martin/Charles Pecot  
 Cons. J. D. Dedeabant/Al Schof

**Men's A/B Doubles**

1st Kip Atwell/Will Vasquez  
 2nd Terrence Pierce/Jeffrey Griffin  
 3rd Marcia Richards/Debbie Spica  
 Cons Ray Ronquillo, Jr./Bill Boada

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS**

**MALE**  
 Rusty Powell

**FEMALE**  
 Gina Fulner

**STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Louisiana State University**  
**March 22, 1996 - March 24, 1996**

**Men's Open**

1st Mark Bloom  
 2nd David Rahn  
 3rd Scott Davis  
 Cons Charles Pecot

**Men's A**

1st Kip Atwell  
 2nd Chris Pellerin  
 3rd George Hearning  
 Cons Ken Hood

**Men's B**

1st Robert Davis  
 2nd Jai Bui  
 3rd Bill Boada  
 Cons Myron Gibson

**Men's C**

1st George Anthon  
 2nd Chris Kendrick  
 3rd Vince Olivia  
 Cons Robert Vance

**Men's D**

1st Anthony Zeringue  
 2nd Joe Phillips  
 3rd Barry Polk  
 Cons Steven Menard

**Men's 19+**

1st George Herning  
 2nd Kip Atwell  
 3rd David Anastasio

**Men's 25+**

1st David Rahn  
 2nd Danny Bordelon  
 3rd Charles Pecot  
 Cons Chris Baker

**Men's 35+A**

1st Rick Chiquilin  
 2nd John Parker  
 3rd Gregory Williams

**Men's 35+B**

1st Robert Davis  
 2nd Randy Lea  
 3rd Bill Boada  
 Cons Ted Brunin

**Men's 45+**

1st Joel Markert  
 2nd Warren Reuther, Jr.  
 3rd Ken Hood  
 Cons Cyril Hentze

**Men's 55+**

1st Gene Ferris  
 2nd Joe Carlantonio  
 3rd Bob Baudry

**Women's Open**

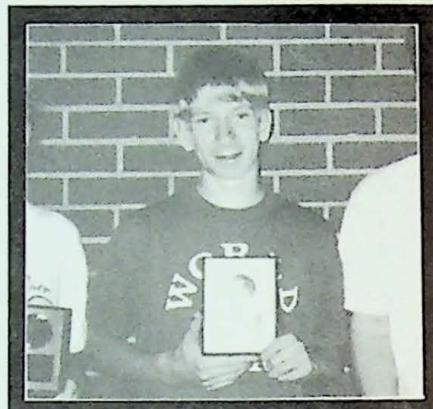
1st Kim Allen  
 2nd Marcia Richards  
 3rd Debbie Spica

**Women's A**

1st Sarah Scallan  
 2nd Pattie Schof  
 3rd Nikki Lilley  
 Cons Laura Shobert

**Women's D**

1st Laura Shobert  
 2nd Kary Gillis



Most Improved Male  
**SHAWN PHILLIPS**



Most Improved Female  
**LAURA SHOBERT**

**TEAM TROPHY RESULTS**

**1ST** Manhattan Athletic Club  
**2ND** Elmwood Fitness Center  
**3RD** Calloways Court Club

**DID I WIN FIRST PLACE IN THE STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEKEND? NO!**  
**DID I HAVE A GOOD TIME? YES!**

My wife and I always have a good time talking and joking with the other players and their families. We feel that these events are among the few remaining opportunities for singles, doubles, couples and families to get together and have some fun.

This wouldn't be possible though, if not for the efforts of our LRA Board and some volunteers!

Thanks to all of you for working sooo HARD-so that having a good time at the tournaments can be sooo EASY!

P.S. Loved that pasta and pizza!

**TED BRUNING**



Sportsmanship Award  
**DAVID RAHN**

**STATE JUNIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Louisiana State University**  
**March 22, 1996 - March 24, 1996**

**Juniors 10 & Under**

1st Dustin Lilley  
 2nd Steven Rogers

**Juniors Boys 12 & Under**

1st Rusty Powell  
 2nd Blake Legarde  
 3rd Craig Saucier

**Juniors Girls 12 & Under**

1st Alisia Lilley  
 2nd Jamie Lilley

**Juniors 14 & Under**

1st Shawn Phillips  
 2nd Steven Menard

**THANKYOU!THANKYOU!THANKYOU!THANKYOU!**

The 1996 State Singles Championships and 1996 State Juniors Championships could not have been possible without the companies from the community that sponsored our tournament.

Our Friday night food sponsor was Papa John's Pizza. Everyone enjoys pizza and Papa John's pizza was fantastic.

Copeland's of New Orleans gave us the great pasta dishes we enjoyed for Saturday and Sunday. Copeland's has supported the LRA by providing our players with good nutrition for the past two years of our state championships. They are really a community leader and we are fortunate to have them as a tournament sponsor. Thank you Jim Leslie for all your help.

The 10-K was provided by Coca-Cola. They are always there when we need them.

O'Brien's Icehouse gave us door prize gift

certificates for free dinners that were won by Mike Menard and his son Steven. Word was out that they had a good time, as well as some of the other players, Saturday night. Although George's was not an official sponsor, a special thanks goes to them for handling a rowdy bunch Saturday evening. You know who you are.

Sam's Wholesale Club provided the fruit and muffins that everyone enjoyed each morning. Special thanks goes to Kip Atwell for helpings us out.

Braud Company & Buckner Rental donated money to the LRA, which helped defray some of the expenses that come with putting on these championships.

Our sponsors give more than their product and money; they provide a service. Please do them a service by showing your gratitude and patronizing their business.

**1996 STATE SINGLES SPONSORS:****COPELAND'S OF NEW ORLEANS****PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA****COCA-COLA****O'BRIEN'S ICEHOUSE SPORTS UNLIMITED****BUCKNER RENTAL BRAUD COMPANY****SAM'S WHOLESALE CLUB**

# THE TOP TEN

## MEN'S OPEN

1. David Rahn
2. John Davis
3. Scott Davis
4. Mark Bloom
5. Rory Arcement
6. Steve Rogers
7. James Bayhi
8. Chris Baker
9. Charles Pecot
10. Shishir Mohan

## MEN'S A

1. Ken Hood
2. Kip Atwell
3. Clarence Simmons
4. Roy Laudumiey
5. Tyrone Martin
6. George Hearning, III
7. Chris Ladner
8. John Parker
9. Terrence Pierce
10. Chris Pellerin

## MEN'S B

1. Charles Lee
2. Bill Boada
3. Jim Leslie
4. Randy Lee
5. Jai Bui
6. Robert Davis
7. Mark Higdon
8. Pattie Schof
9. Will Vasquez
10. Elliott Mistich

## MEN'S C

1. Joe Austin
2. Elliott Mistich
3. Douglas Ledet
4. George Anthon, Jr.
5. Roger Anastasio
6. Pattie Schof
7. Fritz Owens
8. Chris Kendrick
9. Shawn Phillips
10. Micah Luftig

## MEN'S D

1. Anthony Zeringue
2. Joseph Phillips
3. Rusty Powell
4. Shawn Phillips
5. Nick Gullo
6. Barry Polk
7. Helyn Ingram
8. Ryan McCrosky
9. Stan Taravella
10. Fritz Owens

## WOMEN'S OPEN

1. Kim Allen
2. Marcia Richards
3. Debbie Spica
4. Jo Shattuck
5. Delilah Huelsing
6. Pattie Schof
7. Sarah Scallan

## WOMEN'S A

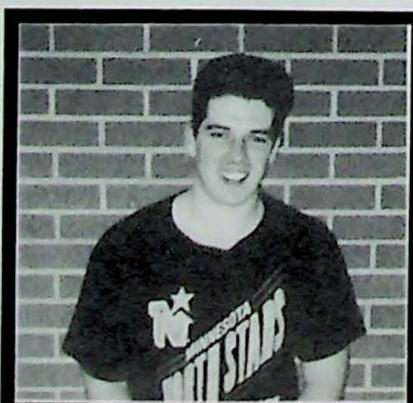
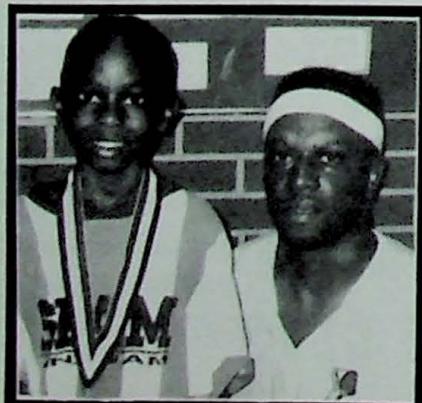
1. Pattie Schof
2. Sarah Scallan
3. Nikki Lilley
4. Neyda Leslie
5. Laurie Shobert
6. Delilah Huelsing
7. Kary Gillis

## WOMEN'S C

1. Tricia Antoine
2. Mandy Farris
3. Maria Chaisson
4. Carla Rogers
5. Paige Holstein
6. Michelle Creel

## WOMEN'S D

1. Laura Shobert
2. Kary Gillis
3. Stephanie Braud



## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

**PLEASE!** Renew your AARA membership through the LRA! We retain a portion of this renewal to help with our expenses.

Please read the following carefully: If you play in Two skill divisions and accumulate more points in the higher division, you will be forced to play in the higher division when you enter the State Singles Championships. Remember, playing in a tournament with a large turnout in a specific division can earn more points for 4th place than winning 1st place in a tournament with a small turnout. Here's an example from two recent tournaments:

Men's C-23 entries - 4th got 259 points

Men's C - 9 entries - 1st got 173 points

It's obvious the more people you encourage to play in your division at a tournament, the more points you can accumulate towards getting that big trophy at the LRA Winners Banquet! (Now tentatively set for July 12th)

If you have complaints or suggestions, don't hesitate to call me at anytime. I can usually be reached any morning between 4:00 and 6:00 a.m.

**Fritz Owens**  
Director-Membership/Ranking  
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### ***Did You Know? . . .***

- A one hour game of racquetball burns roughly 700 calories of energy (High Tech Fitness 1986)
- Racquetball uses all major muscle groups making it ideal for developing and maintaining muscle tone.
- Racquetball provides a low-level cardio-vascular fitness program.
- Racquetball improves eye-hand coordination. Racquetball requires a tremendous range of motion resulting in greater flexibility.
- The sport of racquetball is 65% anaerobic and 35% aerobic.
- An intense racquetball workout ranks second only to running in top calorie burners/minute.

These are just a few selling points for you to share with your friends at your local club to perhaps entice them into picking up a racquet and joining you on the court for a different, more fun fitness workout.

And who knows, may we will see some new faces at the tournaments.

*Everyone has the credentials to be an ambassador for those things they love.*

*Be an ambassador for racquetball and the LRA.*

## **1996 CALENDAR**

### **JUNIOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS/ WOMEN'S PRO-STOP**

Houston, TX

May 3, 1996 - May 5, 1996

### **1996 NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Downtown YMCA, Houston, TX

May 22, 1996 - May 27, 1996

### **ELMWOOD FITNESS CENTER JUNE CLASSIC**

Elmwood Fitness Center, Harahan, LA

June 21, 1996 - June 23, 1996

### **COURTHOUSE OF BLUES (IRT Satellite Tournament)**

Courthouse Racquet Club, Jackson, MS

July 12, 1996 - July 14, 1996

### **3RD ANNUAL ST. JUDE HOSPITAL/BISHOP**

### **HUGHES RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Spectrum Fitness Club, Baton Rouge, LA

August 23, 1996 - August 25, 1996

### **WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Albuquerque, NM

August 30, 1996 - September 2, 1996

### **STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Site to be Announced

October, 1996

## **GOT A GRIPE? FULL OF PRAISE?**

We want to hear from you!

This is your organization and the LRA Board is only trying to do the best for you, but without your input, we cannot.

Every letter that is received will be responded to in writing from the LRA Board and both the letter and the response will be published in the next issue of *Down the Line*.

Al Schof

The next issue of *Down The Line* will be published in June 30, 1996.

### **ATTENTION CLUB OWNERS/PRO'S:**

Please contact Pattie Schof, (504) 468-2813, regarding scheduling 1996 tournaments. Tournaments added to the schedule early will receive added coverage in *Racquetball U.S.A.*, as well as in *Down The Line*.

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\*By renewing your AARA Membership directly with LRA, the  
State organization receives the larger portion of the renewal fee

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